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The spacer 7 is, for example, in a cylindrical shape, where a diameter of the inner circumference thereof is substantially the same with the one of the outer circumference of the second hollow body 4a and a diameter of the outer circumference thereof is substantially the same with the axle of the inner circumferences of the first hollow body 2. The spacer 7 is inserted between the outer surfaces of the sides of the second hollow body 4a and the inner surfaces of the sides of the first hollow body 2.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-5 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 6-12 as follows:

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B 24 246.* (New) A gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device comprising:
a first hollow body with a bottom and sides;
gas generants filled densely in the first hollow body;
an electric ignitor formed by housing igniting agents in a second hollow body with a bottom and sides, and closing the second hollow body with a plug; and
a holder positioning the second hollow body in a center of the first hollow body and fixing the first hollow body while holding the plug of the electric ignitor, wherein
a ratio of an empty space to a full volume of a space partitioned by an inner surface of the first hollow body, an outer surface of the second hollow body, and the holder is less than 20% by volume.

7. (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are powdery or granulated, and filled in a compression state.

8. (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein a part of the full volume is filled with a spacer inserted between outer surfaces of the sides of the second hollow body and inner surfaces of the sides of the first hollow body.

9. (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein a part of the full volume is filled with a spacer inserted between outer surfaces of the sides of the second hollow body and inner surfaces of the sides of the first hollow body.

10. (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are compressed in advance and filled in the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

11. (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein the gas generants are compressed in advance and filled in the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

12. (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants, being incompressible or hard to compress, are filled densely and a part of the full volume is filled with a spacer inserted between outer surfaces of the sides of the second hollow body and inner surface of the sides of the first hollow body.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please cancel the original Abstract on page 24 in its entirety and insert therefor: